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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
AND METHOD OF)	
MANUFACTURING)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Application No. 2001-230365
2. Japanese Application No. 7-106509
3. Japanese Application No. 2001-68624

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these references and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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